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### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; and

The nominations of Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Gregory A. Brower, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, Diane J. Humetewa, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Edmund A. Booth, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 4299–4338; 2 private bills, H.R. 4339–4340; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66–67; H. Con. Res. 266–268; and H. Res. 847–848 and 851–852, were introduced. **Pages H14492–94, H15206–08**

**Additional Cosponsors** **Pages H15208–09**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 849, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 110–475);

H. Res. 850, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–476);

Conference report on H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–477); and

Conference report on H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 110–478).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Obey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14253**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 5th:

*Securities Law Technical Corrections Act of 2007:* H.R. 3505, amended, to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securi-

ties laws, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1135 and **Page H14259**

*Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act of 2007:* H.R. 4253, to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1138. **Pages H14269–70**

**Call of the House:** On the Call of the House, 380 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1139.

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**Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act of 2007:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments with amendments, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–474, to H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 1140. **Pages H14270–H14444**

Pursuant to the rule, the title is amended so as to read: “To move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.”. **Page H14315**

H. Res. 846, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 1137, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 1136. **Pages H14255–59, H14260–69**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 846 and it was agreed, by a yeand-nay vote of 214 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 1134, to proceed with consideration of the resolution.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, December 4th:

*McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act:* H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 373 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1141.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11th for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 12th.

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**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointments:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Peter T.R. Brookes of Virginia (re-appointment) and Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H14254 and H14456.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 58 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14258–59, H14259, H14268, H14268–69, H14269–70, H14444, and H14445. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1139, which appears on page H14434.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FORECLOSURE PREVENTION LOAN MODIFICATIONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Accelerating Loan Modifications, Improving Foreclosure Prevention and Enhancing Enforcement.”

Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Randall S. Kroszner, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and Scott M. Polakoff, Senior Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision; Christiane Gigi Hyland, board member, National Credit Union Administration; Mark E. Pearce, Deputy Commissioner of Banks, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—USE OF ROBO-CALLS IN FEDERAL CAMPAIGNS

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on the Use of Robo-Calls in Federal Campaigns. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bean, Altmire and Foxx; Steve Carter, Attorney General, Indiana, and public witnesses.

### SALES TAX FAIRNESS AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3396, Sales Tax Fairness and Simplification Act. Testimony was heard from Joan Wagnon, Secretary of Revenue, Kansas; and public witnesses.

### INMATE REHABILITATION AND RELEASE PLANNING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Promoting Inmate Rehabilitation and Successful Release Planning. Testimony was heard from Drew Wrigley, U.S. Attorney, District of North Dakota, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### SENATE AMENDMENT TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule which makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank